President.—The expenditure was not for works connected with the supply of water. It was actually for the supply of water.

The practice of taking thumb impression of witnesses for registering documents.

20. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the practice of taking Thumb Impression while registering documents is in vogue in British India;

(b) whether literate persons alone are cited as witnesses in registering documents in British India;

(c) if the answer to (a) and (b) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to state why such practices are not introduced in our State also?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The question of introducing similar provision as that referred to in (a) will be considered along with the revision of the State *Registration Manual* which is in progress.

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